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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT

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1. FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU'S

DECEMBER 4-7 OFFICIAL VISIT, MAY BE DRAWN UPON AT
DECEMBER 12 NATO POLAD'S MEETING.

2. ROMANIAN VISIT WAS IN EXCHANGE FOR PRESIDENT NIXON'S
1969 OFFICIAL VISIT TO BUCHAREST (CEAUSESCU'S 1970 US
VISIT WAS UNOFFICIAL). HAVING TAKEN PLACE AFTER
THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA AND THE TWO NIXON-BREZHNEV
SUMMITS, IT REAFFIRMED CONTINUING US SUPPORT FOR THE
INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF SMALLER COUNTRIES SUCH
AS ROMANIA AND SENSITIVITY TO THEIR VIEWS AND INTERESTS.
IN HIS DECEMBER 4 DINNER TOAST, PRESIDENT NIXON DESCRIBED
CEAUSESCU AS A COURAGEOUS SPOKESMAN "OF THE COUNTRIES
THAT ARE NOT LARGE POWERS." WHILE ASSERTING THE "SPECIAL
RESPONSIBILITIES" OF LARGE POWERS, THE PRESIDENT STRESSED
THAT IN DEVELOPING BETTER RELATIONS AT SUMMIT MEETINGS,
HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD NEVER "ACT IN ANY WAY AFFECTING
THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF A PROUD AND WONDER-
FUL PEOPLE LIKE OUR FRIENDS IN ROMANIA." CEAUSESCU

APPEARS TO HAVE LEFT WASHINGTON REASSURED THAT IMPROVED
US RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION AND CHINA WILL NOT RESULT
IN DECREASED US INTEREST IN THE CONCERNS OF SMALL
NATIONS.

3. JOINT STATEMENT SIGNED BY BOTH PRESIDENTS DECEMBER
5 WAS A TANGIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF US DESIRE TO TAKE
PARTICULAR ROMANIAN CONCERNS INTO ACCOUNT. ALTHOUGH
SIMILAR IN TONE AND CONTENT TO THE 1971 NIXON-TITO
JOINT STATEMENT, IT IS A MORE FORMAL DECLARATION
OF THE PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH US-ROMANIAN BILATERAL
RELATIONS ARE BASED, AS WELL AS A POLITICAL STATEMENT
OF COMMON OBJECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.
IN THE PRINCIPLES SECTION OF THE TEXT, WE MADE AN EFFORT
TO ARRIVE AT NEUTRAL FORMULATIONS WHICH WOULD NOT INTER-
FERE WITH THE PENDING NEGOTIATIONS ON A CSCE DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES. SEVERAL NATO COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNED
SIMILAR DECLARATIONS WITH ROMANIA (BELGIUM, NETHERLANDS,
LUXEMBOURG, ITALY, FRG). STATEMENT INCLUDES COMMITMENT
OF BOTH SIDES TO CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AT ALL
LEVELS. PARTICULAR ATTENTION MIGHT BE DRAWN TO AGREE-
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MENT OF BOTH PARTIES TO EXPAND "CONTACTS BETWEEN CITI-
ZENS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES" IN ADDITION TO GOVERNMENTAL
AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES. WITH
UNDERSTOOD REFERENCE TO PROBLEM OF DIVIDED FAMILIES,
STATEMENT ALSO INCLUDES A COMMITMENT "TO CONTRIBUTE
TO THE SOLUTION OF HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS." ROMANIANS
CONSIDERED STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES A PRIMARY POLITICAL
OBJECTIVE OF TRIP AND EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION

WITH ITS SIGNATURE BY PRESIDENT.

4. BOTH SIDES STRESSED THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS. IT WAS THEIR FOURTH MEETING, BEGINNING WITH NIXON'S MEETING WITH CEAUSESCU IN 1967 AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN. AT JOINT STATEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY, PRESIDENT NIXON VIEWED EXPANSION OF ROMANIAN-US RELATIONS AS DUE "IN LARGE PART TO THE PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ME AND PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU." FOR HIS PART, CEAUSESCU PAID PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT NIXON'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO PEACE AND DETENTE.

5. IN ADDITION TO "PHILOSOPHICAL" DISCUSSION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, CSCE, MBFR AND THE MIDDLE EAST WERE AMONG THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED BY THE TWO PRESIDENTS. CEAUSESCU SPECIFICALLY SOUGHT US SUPPORT FOR COLLATERAL MEASURES AT CSCE, AS WELL AS FOR ESTABLISHING PERMANENT CSCE MACHINERY. WE TOLD THE ROMANIANS THAT AT

THIS STAGE THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO HOW CSCE SHOULD COME OUT.

6. ANOTHER MAJOR FOCUS OF THE VISIT WAS THE EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS AS EXEMPLIFIED BY DECISION TO ISSUE A DETAILED JOINT STATEMENT ON ECONOMIC, INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. IN THIS STATEMENT, PRESIDENT NIXON "REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO SEEK AUTHORITY" TO PROVIDE MFN FOR ROMANIA (NOTE THAT CEAUSESCU MET WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS FOLLOWING A PRIVATE BREAKFAST WITH SENATORS JACKSON AND RIBICOFF). STATEMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT ROMANIAN-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION WHICH IS TO MEET CONFIDENTIAL

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ANNUALLY.

7. CEAUSESCU ALSO DISCUSSED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH SECRETARIES KISSINGER, SHULTZ AND DENT AS WELL AS WITH AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS. HE INVITED, IN PARTICULAR, US INVESTMENT IN "MUTUALLY PROFITABLE" JOINT VENTURES. DURING VISIT, BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED ON CIVIL AVIATION, DOUBLE TAXATION, AND FISHERIES. A ROMANIAN-US ECONOMIC COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE GOR ALSO SIGNED LONG-TERM AGREEMENTS FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC COLLABORATION WITH GE, ITT, AND SINGER.

8. AFTER SPENDING ARRIVAL NIGHT AT CAMP DAVID AND TWO SUBSEQUENT DAYS IN WASHINGTON, CEAUSESCU MADE FLYING

VISITS, DECEMBER 6-7, TO WILMINGTON, N.C. (GE NUCLEAR ENERGY PLANT); CLEVELAND (EUCLID EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT AND NOTABLY WARM WELCOME FROM ROMANIAN-AMERICAN ETHNIC COMMUNITY); HARTFORD (MACHINE TOOLS); AND NEW YORK (US BUSINESS LEADERS, JEWISH LEADERS, AND COURTESY CALL BY UNSG WALDHEIM). ON ARRIVAL, ROMANIAN PARTY ANNOUNCED INTENTION SHORTEN TRIP THREE DAYS BY DROPPING HOUSTON (OIL AND CATTLE) AND FLORIDA (ESSENTIALLY TOURISTIC STOP). IN RESPONSE TO PRESS INQUIRIES, CEAUSESCU SAID HE WOULD ACCOMPLISH MAIN TRIP OBJECTIVES WITHIN THE SHORTENED TRIP. REASONS FOR CURTAILMENT OF VISIT REMAIN UNCLEAR BUT APPEAR UNCONNECTED WITH US TOUR. THROUGHOUT TRIP, CEAUSESCU AND PARTY DEMONSTRATED BUOYANT SATISFACTION WITH ARRANGEMENTS AND RESULTS.

9. TEXT OF JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES SENT WIRELESS
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